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Upon information and belief, Applicants deposited the above-referenced application with the USPS on August 30, 2001 and received a copy of Express Mail Receipt EL639693967US with a "date in" of August 30, 2001. Upon information and belief, a copy of this receipt was subsequently misplaced or lost by Applicants.

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copy of this post card is attached to this petition. This post card indicates that the application was mailed on August 30, 2001 in Express Mail package EL639693967US. Further, upon information and belief, the Request of June 7, 2002 includes a true copy of the first page of the above-referenced application that includes a stamp also indicating that the application was filed in Express Mail package EL639693967US.

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Any fee, due as a result of this paper may be charged on Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,



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We also enclose a copy of the transmittal sheet and the first page of the specification, showing the Express Mail Item Number.

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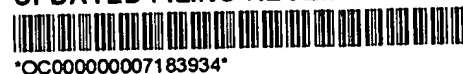
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Title

Method and system for monitoring utilizing condition of contents, computer program and recording medium

Preliminary Class

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Attorney Docket No. SCEW 18.970
First Inventor K. KUTARAGI
Title METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MONITORING...
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MONITORING UTILIZING CONDITION OF CONTENTS,
COMPUTER PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is based upon and claims the benefit of
priorities from the prior Japanese Patent Applications No.
2000-266154 filed on September 1, 2000 and No. 2001-261723 filed
on August 30, 2001, the entire contents of both of which are
10 incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to a technique for distributing
contents which includes, for example, game programs, video signals,
image data, sound data, music data, character information or the
composition of them.

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2. Description of the Related Art

Along with the popularization of the internet, distributing
contents to numbers of people is becoming easier. Recently, pay
services of distributing contents are implemented actively.
25 However, in the wide-area network like the internet to which general
public people can access, piracy and interception of contents arises
easily, thus security and copyright of contents cannot be fully
protected.

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Moreover, when the contents is distributed using pay service,
it is difficult to set charge fee properly, because it is hard to
figure out how much the paid contents is utilized.

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